GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it had been decided in the International Health Conference at Alma Ata (Russia) to provide health facilities to all by 2000;

(b) if so, the steps taken so far by the Government and the success achieved so far alongwith the future plans in this regard;

(c) whether the Government have assessed the factual position in this connection;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e): To achieve the goal of `Health for All`by 2000 AD., a comprehensive network of rural health infrastructure comprising of 1,37,006 Sub-centres; 23,179 Primary Health Centres; 2,913Community Health Centres were established throughout the country as on 31.12.1998 to provide preventive, promotive and curative health care in rural areas. Government has been making every effort to augment the resources for the health and family welfare sectors by mobilising external assistance from various bilateral and multilateral agencies for implementing the national programmes for AIDS, Malaria, T.B., Leprosy, Blindness, Reproductive Child Health Programme. In view of these efforts, Guinea-worm has been eradicated; prevalence of Leprosy brought down from 57/10,000 in 1981 to 5.19/10,000 in 1999; morbidity and mortality on account of malaria contained; cure rates under TB significantly improved; polio virtually eradicated; and coverage of mother and children with reproductive and child health services expanded in a substantial manner. It is proposed to intensify the implementation of the ongoing programmes to ensure better health.